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Hurricane Sandy to Impact Region in Coming Days; Residents Can Take Steps Now to Prepare for Hurricanes and Other Emergencies

Although some uncertainty remains with this storm, everyone should prepare for impact. Because it is such a large storm, much of the Mid-Atlantic area will have some kind of impact no matter where the storm makes landfall. Here are some updates from the National Weather Service.

- The main impact will occur Sunday night through Tuesday. The storm is slow moving.
- The primary threat is heavy rain with data indicating 6 8 inches of rain.
- If Hurricane Sandy stays on the current path, there could be a 12 hour period of tropical storm wind gusts (35 mph wind gusts or greater).
- · Flooding and downed trees and power lines are likely.
- The National Weather Service hopes to refine the forecast during the earlier part of the weekend.

Anyone who has not already signed up for the County's Alert Montgomery notification system is encouraged to do so by going to https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov and selecting the types of emergency alerts they are interested in receiving regarding weather, severe traffic, schools, park and government facilities, athletic fields and public events; along with the devices they would like the messages sent to (cell phones, text pagers, wireless PDAs, home and work emails).

For more information on how to prepare your family and home, see the County's press release here.

Election Judges Needed for 2012 Presidential General Election

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking individuals to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

In accordance with the Election Code, judges must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity. Election judges bilingual in Spanish and election judge alternates are needed throughout the county. Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for Election Judge services.

To apply, or for more information, visit our website at www.777vote.org and select the Election Judge Program link.

Vote Early!

ACC Soccer Championships at Maryland SoccerPlex

Friday, November 9 at 5:30pm Sunday, November 11 at 12:00pm

Watch a college soccer championship right here in Montgomery County on Friday! See www.mdsoccerplex.org for details.

Nominations Sought for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards; Humanitarian and Children of the Dream Award Nominations Due Nov. 16

Nomination forms are available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights. For more information, contact James Stowe, director of the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, at 240-777-8491.

Montgomery County, the City of Gaithersburg, the City of Takoma Park and the Town of Garrett Park are co-sponsors of the celebration.

For more details, click here.

Montgomery Homeless Resource Day

Thursday, November 15 9:00am – 3:00pm Activity Center at Bohrer Park 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

A "one-day, one-stop" event giving homeless individuals and families the opportunity to receive needed services (medical, financial, vocational, public benefits, etc.). Participate by providing services, resources, donations, and/or sponsorships. Facilities, equipment and event resources will be provided (tables, chairs, WiFi, private and public space to exhibit your services). Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If interested please contact Gloria Huggins at 240-777-4565.

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